

Element Performance Inspection (EPI)

3.1.8 Carriage of Cargo (OP)

Purpose of this Element (Air Carrier's responsibility):

To ensure that cargo handling and carrying operations are conducted safely.

Objective (FAA responsibility):

To determine if the Air Carrier adheres to its cargo handling and carrying procedures.

Specific Instructions for this EPI:

To accomplish this EPI, the inspector should familiarize themselves with the Air Carrier's cargo procedures, including dangerous goods policies.

Related EPIs:

- 3.1.12 Hazardous Materials / Dangerous Goods Program (OP)
- 3.2.1 Dispatch / Flight Release (OP)
- 3.2.2 Flight / Load Manifest / Weight and Balance Control (OP)
- 4.2.6 Training of Station Personnel (OP)
- 5.1.5 Station Facilities (OP)

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To meet this objective, the inspector will accomplish the following tasks (at the inspection locations where applicable):

1. Review the FAA Guidance and Specific Regulatory Requirements (SRR) included in the supplemental information section of this EPI.
2. Review the associated SAI, with emphasis on the Controls Attribute section.
3. Review the Manuals relating to the handling and Carriage of Cargo.
4. Observe and assess the handling and Carriage of Cargo.
5. Review the records for the handling and Carriage of Cargo.

To meet this objective, the inspector will answer the following questions:

1. Were the following performance measures met:

<i>1.1 Cargo was accepted in accordance with the Air Carrier's procedures.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	If no, explain:
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<i>1.2 Cargo was stored in accordance with the Air Carrier's procedures.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	If no, explain:
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<i>1.3 Cargo was loaded and secured in accordance with the Air Carrier's procedures.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	If no, explain:
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<i>1.4 Cargo was unloaded in accordance with the Air Carrier's procedures.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	If no, explain:
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<i>1.5 Personnel complied with the Air Carrier's hazardous materials recognition procedures.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	If no, explain:
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<i>1.6 Company Material (COMAT) was screened for hazardous materials in accordance with the Air Carrier's procedures.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	If no, explain:
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<i>1.7 COMAT was carried in accordance with the Air Carrier's cargo handling procedures.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	If no, explain:
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2. Were cargo records maintained in accordance with the Air Carrier's procedures?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	If no, explain:
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3. Were the Air Carrier's cargo handling controls followed?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	If no, explain:
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4. Were the Air Carrier's cargo handling procedures followed?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	If no, explain:
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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

SRRs:

- 14 CFR 121.285 (a, b), “Carriage of cargo in passenger compartments.”
- 14 CFR 121.287, “Carriage of cargo in cargo compartments.”

Other CFRs and FAA Guidance:

- FAA Order 8400.10, Vol. 2, Chap. 1, Sect. 2, Par. 19, Air Operator Certification, Types Of Certificates And Applicable Rules, Economic Authority - DOT Certificates And Exemptions.
- FAA Order 8400.10, Vol. 2, Chap. 3, Sect. 5, Par. 217, “Hazardous Materials or Dangerous Goods, General.”
- FAA Order 8300.10, Vol. 2, Chap. 60, Sect. 1, Par. 9, Economic Authority - Department Of Transportation Certificates And Exemptions.
- FAA Order 8300.10, Vol. 2, Chap. 74, Sect. 1, Par. 5, Evaluate FAR Parts 121 And 135 (10 Or More And Turbine Powered Aircraft) Operator's Weight And Balance Control Program, General.
- FAA Order 8300.10, Vol. 2, Chap. 74, Sect. 1, Par. 11, Evaluate FAR Parts 121 And 135 (10 Or More And Turbine Powered Aircraft) Operator's Weight And Balance Control Program, Aircraft Weights.
- FAA Order 8300.10, Vol. 2, Chap. 74, Sect. 2, Par. 5, Evaluate FAR Parts 121 And 135 (10 Or More And Turbine Powered Aircraft) Operator's Weight And Balance Control Program, Procedures.
- FAA Order 8300.10, Vol. 2, Chap. 76, Sect. 1, Par. 13, Conduct FAR Part 121 Proving/Validation Tests, Proving Test Requirements.
- FAA Order 8300.10, Vol. 2, Chap. 84, Sect. 1, Par. 27, FAR Part 121 Operations Specifications, General Operations Specifications - Part A.
- FAA Order 8300.10, Vol. 3, Chap. 1, “Introduction to aircraft and equipment”.
- FAA Order 8300.10, Vol. 3, Chap. 4, Sect. 1, Par. 13, Conduct Cockpit Enroute Inspection, Cargo/Combination Configured Aircraft.
- FAA Order 8400.10, Vol. 3, Chap. 6, Sect. 2, Par. 1189, “Flight Dispatch Systems and Domestic Operating Rules, Load Manifests.”
- FAA Order 8400.10, Vol. 3, Chap. 9, Sect. 3, Par. 1591, “Proving Test Requirements, Carriage of Passengers and Cargo.”
- FAA Order 8400.10, Vol. 3, Chap. 15, Sect. 3, Par. 2147, “General Operations Manuals, Line Station Operations.”
- FAA Order 8400.10, Vol. 6, Chap. 2, Sect. 2, Par. 127, “Ramp Inspections, Specific Ramp Inspection Practices and Procedures.”
- FAA Order 8400.10, Vol. 6, Chap. 2, Sect. 5, Par. 183, “Part 121 Operator Trip Records Requirements.”
- FAA Order 8400.10, Vol. 6, Chap. 2, Sect. 19, Par. 473, “Station Facilities Inspections. Specific Inspection Practices and Procedures.”
- HBAT 97-08, “Transportation of Oxygen Generators.”
- HBAT 96-01, Part 119, “Certification of Air Carriers and Commercial Operators.”

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- Legal Interpretations:
 - 5/5/77 to Robert J. Truhill: “Certification of all Cargo Flight.”
 - 12/10/76 to Carl Swartz: “Scheduled Cargo Air Carriers Under 121.538.”
 - 7/22/75 to Benjamin M. Wall: “Carriage of Oxygen in Cargo.”
- Refer to Advisory Circulars using a search engine (such as ATP Navigator or Summit).